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This Week in Wabash



Hello, Wabash,

Happy Monday, everyone. I hope your week is off to a great start. It is certainly cold this morning, but the bright sun helps things feel a bit warmer than they are. I feel like if it were overcast and the same temperature it would feel significantly colder.

I wanted to draw your attention to two stories that were in the paper over past week. These were both very significant interviews, and I'm proud of the stories which resulted from each.

The first was a story in the Wednesday, Dec. 15 newspaper. The week before I had I traveled to the Statehouse in Indianapolis to conduct a 15-minute one-on-one in-person end-of-the-year interview with Gov. Eric Holcomb. Since the pandemic hit Indiana in March 2020 I have participated virtually in dozens and dozens of televised press conferences with Gov. Holcomb and other state officials, but this was the first time I had the opportunity to do so in person. [He answered questions](#) I posed to him about vaccine mandates, redistricting, teacher pay, cannabis and more. I hope you had a chance to check it out.



The second was a story in the Saturday, Dec. 18 newspaper. A few weeks before, I was lucky enough to score an interview with Mike Love of The Beach Boys ahead of their holiday performance at the Honeywell Center. The timing of the interview itself was a complete surprise to me. It took place the day before Thanksgiving and I only had an hour's notice before the interview was to begin. But, with some quick planning, [I was able to ask him several questions](#) about the band's founding, their musical transformation, meditating with the Beatles, appearing on "Full House," their association with President Donald Trump and more. He was very generous with his time and a good sport about all the subjects I chose to cover.



As we head into Christmas week, I want to reflect on how lucky I feel to have the opportunity to do the work I do. Thank you for reading this year.

Anyway, that's all I have for you this week. I hope you have a great rest of your week.

Best,
Rob

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